

**FAUQUIER COUNTY  
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

**Meeting Minutes**

May 2, 2018 p.m.  
Warren Green Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room  
10 Hotel Street, Warrenton

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**Attendance:**

Mary Root, Chair (Citizen-at-Large)  
Bob Lee (Planning Commission Representative)  
John Toler (Scott District Representative)  
Jack LaMonica (Marshall District Representative)

**Absent:**

Bryan Jacobs (Lee District Representative)  
Reta Rodgers (Cedar Run District Representative)  
Virginia Gerrish (Center District Representative)

**Staff:**

Wendy Wheatcraft, Staff  
Maureen Williamson, Staff

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1. Ms. Root called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. The April 4, 2018 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Toler seconded the motion. The motion carried 4 – 0.

3. Ongoing Business  
May Historic Preservation Month Public Workshop – Saturday, May 12, 2018

Ms. Root inquired as to what time ARB members should arrive at the Visitor's Center to assist with the set-up for the workshop. Ms. Wheatcraft said that the Visitor's Center is reserved from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and would appreciate ARB members to arrive by 9:30 a.m.

Set-up tasks discussed included the arranging of tables and chairs in classroom style format and setting up the laptop and projector for presentations. Ms. Root said that she will bring a power strip and an extra extension cord. The refreshments table will also need to be set up.

Ms. Root offered her assistance with the development of the walking tour brochure. Ms. Wheatcraft said that she would email Ms. Root the National Register Nomination for the Warrenton Historic District, which would provide some details for the houses chosen for the tour. Ms. Wheatcraft shared a walking tour map which listed each stop on the tour by number. She said that initially the tour was to include stuccoed homes on High Street, but it was discovered that while the homes on this street provided good examples of stucco application, the homes are not architecturally diverse (most built same time period). However, at the bottom of the brochure, a note describing an independent side trip to High Street may be recommended for those wishing to view more examples of stucco.

The ARB discussed a number of the homes included on the tour. Ms. Wheatcraft said that the first stop on the tour would be Brentmoor. She shared that number 2 on the tour was an example of Gothic Revival architecture and noted that numbers 10, 11, and 12 are concrete block houses. Mr. Toler said that number 4 at one time was the Baptist Manse.

#### 4. New Business 2019 Public Preservation Education Ideas

Ms. Wheatcraft suggested that the ARB could partner with the Afro American Historical Association of Fauquier County by focusing on an event to participate in the 2019 Commemoration of the 400<sup>th</sup> “anniversary” of when African enslaved people were stolen and brought to the American colonies in 1619. She suggested that it may be thought-provoking (and associate well to historic preservation) to concentrate on identifying some of Fauquier’s enslaved people who were known to be trained craftsmen in the building trades, including: carpenters, masons, blacksmiths, and stone “fencers,” as well as those involved in other trades, like cooking, sewing, and midwifery. Ms. Wheatcraft said that while some source material is available, it would still take much research. Ms. Root said that she would like to highlight work performed by enslaved women, as well. She suggested that census documents may be one source of occupation information. She noted wanting to research an enslaved male by the name of Hannibal who was mentioned in connection with the construction of Grove Baptist Church in Goldvein. More detailed information may be found in Thomas Skinker’s farm journal that is currently housed in the Library of Virginia in Richmond.

Ms. Wheatcraft noted that Karen White would like to identify locations of enslaved housing in the County. Her objective is to educate the public by presenting a map, which would depict dwelling sites.

Ms. Root suggested that Ms. Wheatcraft send an email to the ARB prior to the June 6 meeting to remind members to bring 2019 public preservation education ideas to the meeting.

Ms. Wheatcraft noted that the submission for the Goldvein Tower was received by the County in late April and the review is ongoing. The application will be heard at public hearings, the first at the Planning Commission meeting on May 17, 2018.

#### 5. Announcements

- May 15, 2018 – Midland Historic District National Register Public Hearing  
Midland Methodist Church, 5435 Midland Road, Midland, 6:00 p.m.  
Ms. Wheatcraft stated that the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) will be hosting the public hearing.

Ms. Wheatcraft told the ARB that during the survey of a cemetery on Rattlesnake Mountain, the intern found that the cemetery had been significantly disturbed. She told the ARB that the owners have started to clear the parcel for the construction of a house and drive. When speaking with Community Development Environmental Program Manager Kerry Wharton regarding the initiation of a violation for possible land disturbance without a permit, it was discovered that the owner had submitted an Agricultural Affidavit, which allows certain agricultural-related land disturbing activities to be exempt from the requirements of the Fauquier County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance.

Ms. Wheatcraft said the only repercussion she feels she has at this time is to send a letter to the land owners, to inform them about the disturbance and offer treatment options. Mr. Lee asked Ms. Wheatcraft if she felt the disturbance is worthy of contacting the Commonwealth Attorney who litigates violations of state law on behalf of local

government. As Ms. Wheatcraft believes this to be a cemetery affiliated with Mount Paran Church, she thought that a letter should be sent to the church, as well. Mr. Lee also recommended she contact Karen White with the Afro American Historical Association to ask if she is familiar with the cemetery and inform her of the disturbance.

- May 24 – DHR's National Register Program Workshop, the Virginia Museum of History and Culture (formerly the Virginia Historical Society), Harry M. Bluford Classroom, 428 N. Boulevard, Richmond, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

6. The next ARB meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2018.
7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.